

**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
**Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee**  
**Meeting of February 21, 2014**

**\*\*\*FINAL\*\*\***

**PRESENT**

Timothy Jones, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS  
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS  
Kenneth Briggs, Sr., committee member  
Jennifer Branham, committee member  
Steven Grimes, committee member  
Tony Foy, committee member  
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services  
Roseann Smith, Finney, Zimmerman Psychotherapy Assoc.  
Maria Suarez, Family Systems/New Life  
Khalilah Shabazz, Family Systems II, Inc.  
Charlene Hoobler, The Barry Robinson Center  
Denise Henock, The Barry Robinson Center  
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.  
James Lassiter, Healthcare Services of Hampton Roads  
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services  
Matt Donovan, Pendleton Child Services Center  
April Liverman, Sarah's Place  
Peggy Lidstrom, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC- Turning Point  
Corie Brown, Serenity Living, LLC  
Ronnie Jones, Serenity Living, LLC  
James Lassiter, Family Net

**ABSENT**

Vonda Alston, One Vision & Assoc  
Sherry Ferebee, Va Support Group, LLC  
Karol Cason, Cason Community Behavioral

Ms. Jennifer Branham called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. A quorum was present.  
Mr. Timothy Jones attended the LHRC meeting on this date. Thirteen reports were sent in ahead of time for this meeting.

**2014 Meeting Dates**

The next meeting, which will review the 1st quarter, will be held on Friday, April 25, 2014.  
Reminder letters will be sent out prior.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the November 1, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Foy made a motion to accept the minutes as written with Mr. Grimes seconding that motion. The minutes were approved.

**Advocate's Report**

- Mr. Jones reported Ms. Walsh had sent out a notice stating the CHRIS system is now compatible on Google Chrome, Internet Explorer and Firefox. It was noted that it does currently work best on Internet Explorer 10. Mr. Jones reported that the quarterly reports for the next quarter would be submitted differently in that they will be printed from the CHRIS system with an aging report attached to be mailed in. He reminded providers to "black out" any client names so as not to go against HIPAA regulations.

- Mr. Jones noted the urgency for finding a consumer to fill the one vacancy position. He reported that as of 6/30/14 it will be vacant a year and the Committee can be disbanded if not filled.
- Mr. Jones reported that providers need to have a representative present at the meetings. If there will be an absentee, he asked to please notify the Human Rights Advocate or Denise Henock in advance.
- Mr. Jones reported that Human Rights Advocates are currently being rotated. He reported that Mr. Stewart Prost will be the new Human Rights Advocate for the Southside Local Human Rights Committee.
- Mr. Jones reported an LHRC training being held at Eastern State Hospital. He asked that if anyone is wishing to attend, they should call his office to let him know.

### **Old Business**

None reported

### **New Business**

Mr. Damon Sutton asked for approval to make changes to the Student Handbook as a result of a Human Rights visit. He requested approval for three changes to be made regarding policies on cooking, savings accounts and major clean-up days. Mr. Biggs made a motion to accept changes as requested with Mr. Grimes seconding that motion.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Program Reports**

1. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeffrey Burns reviewed the quarterly report which indicated 119 clients served in 6 groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Annual Report – 518 clients served. No restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
2. Finney, Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates – Roseann Smith reported that Finney Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates served 30 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Ms. Smith noted she was unable to fill out the Annual Report on CHRIS and would complete the report and forward it direct to Mr. Jones.
3. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported that Paramount Youth Services served 12.2 clients. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Annual Report – 118 clients. There were 3 complaints that were reported on the CHRIS system.
4. New Life and Family Systems – Maria Suarez reviewed her quarterly report. New Life: There were 11 clients served, 3 Group Home/8 In Home. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Annual – 20 clients served, 3 Group Home/17 In Home. There was one incident reported on the CHRIS system. Family Systems: Clients served were Day Treatment 31/MHS 40/ IH 8. There were two complaints to be discussed in closed session. Annual – MHS 57/IH 15/Day Treatment 43. There were three complaints submitted through the CHRIS system.
5. Vito Inc. – Mr. Morlino reviewed the quarterly report. There were 70 clients served. There

was one allegation to be discussed in closed session. Annual – 70 clients served. There were three complaints.

6. Family Net – James Lassiter reviewed the quarterly report which indicated that 26 clients were served in the intensive in-home program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Annual – 13 clients served with no reports of abuse or allegations.
7. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Ms. Peggy Lidstrom reviewed her quarterly report. There were 6 clients served in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program and aftercare program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Annual – 30 clients served with no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
8. Sarah's Place- April Liverman reviewed her quarterly report. There were 4 clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Annual – Ms. Liverman did not have her annual report.
9. One Vision and Associates- Vonda Alston was unavailable to review the OneVision report. The report states there were 5 clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. The Annual reports notes 5 clients served and no restraints, clients or other human rights issues.
10. Health Care Services of Hampton Roads, Inc.- James Lassiter reviewed the quarterly and annual reports. For the quarter they were serving 35 clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Annual – 35 clients served. No allegations, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. The Barry Robinson Center – Charlene Hoobler reported that the average monthly census was 58 in the Residential Treatment Program. There were 4 abuse allegations cases to be discussed in closed session. These allegations have been closed and been determined as unfounded. Annual – ADC 54, 13 abuse allegations which have been closed and been determined unfounded.
12. Pendleton Child Services Center – Matt Donovan reviewed Pendleton's quarterly report. There were 22 individuals served with no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Mr. Donovan reported he will complete the Annual report and fax it directly to Mr. Jones.
13. Virginia Support Group – Sherry Ferebee was not available to review the report. The written report indicated 5 clients served. There was one physical abuse allegation. Ms. Ferebee was not available to discuss this during closed session.
14. Serenity Living, LLC – Ronnie Jones reviewed the quarterly and annual reports. There were no clients served either quarterly or annually. Ms. Jones reported that Serenity Living received their license to practice on 1/30/14.
15. Cason Community & Behavioral Services – There was no representative from Cason Community & Behavioral Services available and no reports had been previously sent in for review.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)4 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing abuse/neglect allegations for Vito Inc., Family Systems, Sarah's Place and The Barry Robinson Center.

### **Exit Executive Session**

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated that the following recommendations be made.

#### **Recommendations:**

Vito Inc.: No representative attended the closed session. A representative will need to stay for closed session at the next meeting to present on both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allegations/complaints.

Family Systems II, Inc: No recommendations

Sarah's Place: A recommendation was made to create a safety plan for the individual and to update at the next LHRC Meeting in April.

The Barry Robinson Center: A recommendation was made to write a closed dorm policy regarding children who run away and to explain why that method is used. It was requested that Ms. Julie Delk attend the next LHRC meeting in April to discuss one of the incidents discussed in closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.